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H. R. 2989

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 1997

Mr. ENSIGN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds that:

5 (1) St. Jude's Ranch for children is a nonprofit,
6 nonsectarian organization.

1 (2) The St. Jude's Ranch for Children has been
2 a proven success for over 25 years.

3 (3) St. Jude's Ranch for Children has provided
4 residential care for abused, abandoned, neglected,
5 and troubled children.

6 (4) St. Jude's is now prepared to embark on
7 the development of a Good Shepherd Campus for ad-
8 judicated girls.

9 (5) Roughly 40 acres is needed to develop the
10 facility that will house 102 adjudicated girls with 24
11 hour, seven days a week adult supervision.

12 (6) The facility also contains on-campus edu-
13 cation facilities, dining hall, library, chapel, child
14 care offices, administration offices, and recreation
15 center.

16 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF 40 ACRES TO ST. JUDE'S RANCH**
17 **FOR CHILDREN.**

18 (a) CONVEYANCE.—Within 30 days after a request
19 by the St. Jude's Ranch for Children, the Secretary shall
20 offer to convey, without consideration, to the St. Jude's
21 Ranch for Children all right, title, and interest of the
22 United States in the surface estate of the land depicted
23 on the map entitled “—————”, dated ————
24 and described in subsection (b), for the construction of
25 a Good Shepard campus for adjudicated girls. Such map

1 shall be on file and available for public inspection in the
2 offices of the Bureau of Land Management, Department
3 of the Interior, in Washington, D.C. and Las Vegas, Ne-
4 vada.

5 (b) LAND DESCRIPTION.—The land referred to in
6 subsection (a) is a parcel containing 39.87 acres described
7 as follows:

8 Government Lot 1 in the Southwest Quarter
9 (SW¹/₄) of Section 12, Township 19 South, Range
10 60 East, M.D.M., the City of Las Vegas, County of
11 Clark, State of Nevada. Said Government Lot 1
12 more commonly referred to as the Northeast Quar-
13 ter (NE¹/₄) of the Southwest Quarter (SW¹/₄) of
14 said Section 12.

15 (c) ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES.—Prior
16 to the conveyance under subsection (a), the Secretary of
17 the Interior shall conduct such environmental studies as
18 may be necessary, including an assessment of the presence
19 of any hazardous substances, pollutants, and contami-
20 nants (within the meaning of the Comprehensive Environ-
21 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of
22 1980) to determine if the development of facilities for ad-
23 judicated girls is a compatible use of the land described
24 in subsection (b).

1 (d) REVERSIONARY INTEREST.—If the land conveyed
2 under subsection (a) ceases to be used for residential care
3 for adjudicated girls, all right, title, and interest in such
4 land shall revert to the Government of the United States.

5 (e) SUBSURFACE ESTATE.—The subsurface estate in
6 the lands described in subsection (b) shall be reserved to
7 the United States.

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